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I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **Human-Computer Interface Including Haptically Controlled Interactions**, the specifications of which (check one)

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

Provisional application filing number	Filing date
60/202,448	05/06/2000

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U.S. Parent Application or PCT Parent Number	Parent filing date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Parent patent number (if applicable)
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HUMAN-COMPUTER INTERFACE INCLUDING HAPTICALLY CONTROLLED INTERACTIONS

This invention was made with Government support under Contract DE-AC04-94AL85000 awarded by the U. S. Department of Energy. The Government has certain rights in the invention.

PRIORITY CLAIM

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application 60/202,448, filed on 05/06/2000, and U.S. Patent Application 08/834,642, filed on 4/14/1997, both incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0001] This invention relates to the field of human-computer interfaces, specifically those relating to methods of intuitively controlling interactions such as scrolling and zooming.

[0002] Computing technology has seen a many-fold increase in capability in recent years.

Processors work at ever higher rates; memories are ever larger and faster; mass storage is larger
5 and cheaper every year. Computers now are essential elements in many aspects of life, and are often used to present three dimensional worlds to users, in everything from games to scientific visualization.

[0003] The interface between the user and the computer has not seen the same rate of change.

Screen windows, keyboard, monitor, and mouse are the standard, and have seen little change

10 since their introduction. Many computers are purchased with great study as to processor speed, memory size, and disk space. Often, little thought is given to the human-computer interface, although most of the user's experience with the computer will be dominated by the interface (rarely does a user spend significant time waiting for a computer to calculate, while every interaction must use the human-computer interface).